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SUBJECT: SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS BONN -
ECONOMIC ASPECTS

1. SUMMARY. WEST GERMANS GAVE SYMPATHETIC HEARING
TO FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA'S PRESENTATION ON SPAIN'S
DOMESTIC POLITICAL COURSE, AND GOS INTENT TO SEEK FULL
EC MEMBERSHIP AFTER 1977 PARIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. FRG
OFFICIAL SAYS THAT, ALTHOUGH OREJA GOT NO FIRM
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COMMITMENT, FRG WIIL MOST LIKELY SUPPORT GOS APPLICATION.

BILATERAL TALKS WILL CONTINUE AT LOWER LEVEL IN BONN
NEXT MONTH. END SUMMARY.

2. SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA HELD WIDE-RANGING
TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AT SCHLOSS GYMnich
NEAR BONN (SEPTEL COVERS POLITICAL ASPECTS) OVER
AUGUST 21-22 WEEKEND. HE ELABORATED ON SPAIN'S
EVOLUTION TOWARD DEMOCRACY AND DESIRE FOR FULL EC
MEMBERSHIP. SPEAKING TO PRESS PRIOR TO VISIT, OREJA
DECLARED GOS INTENT "TO APPLY FOR FULL EC MEMBERSHIP
WITH ALL ENSUING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES",
WHILE ADMITTING THAT "VARIOUS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
REASONS" WILL DELAY REACHING THAT GOAL. AFTER MEETING
GENSCHER, OREJA STATED THAT SPAIN WILL BE IN POSITION
TO APPLY "A FEW MONTHS" AFTER ITS 1977 ELECTIONS.

3. AUGUST 23 EMBOFF SPOKE WITH HACH, ACTING HEAD
OF FORMINISTRY EC OFFICE WHO HAD BEEN BRIEFED
ON GYMnich TALKS. HACH DEFINED OREJA'S MAIN PURPOSE
IN COMING TO BONN AS TWOFOLD: (1) TO CONVINCE FRG OF
GENUINE GOS COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIZATION COURSE NOW
UNDERWAY, AND (2) TO LOBBY AGAINST DRAFT PROTOCOL
WHICH EC COMMISSION HAD DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBER GOVERN-
MENTS AS BASIS FOR RESUMING TALKS WITH MADRID ON HOW
TO AMEND 1970 AGREEMENT. GOS HAD OBTAINED COPY OF
DRAFT TEXT, AND OREJA HAD AT ONCE WRITTEN HIS EC-9
COLLEAGUES TO APPEAL FOR MORE GENEROUS PROVISIONS.

4. ACCORDING HACH, GENSCHER TOOK BENEVOLENT BUT NON-
COMMITAL STAND ON EC ACCESSION. HE REITERATED BONN'S
SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIC EVOLUTION IN SPAIN, AND FOR
CLOSER SPANISH TIES WITH EC. HE REMINDED OREJA,
HOWEVER, THAT EC NEGOTIATIONS MUST TAKE PLACE
IN BRUSSELS, AND HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF
DRAFT PROTOCOL. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO HOLD LOWER LEVEL
MEETING IN BONN NEXT MONTH, WHERE FRG OFFICIALS WILL
HEAR OUT GOS VIEWS ON COMMISSION DOCUMENT.

5. ASKED HOW FRG VIEWS EVENTUAL SPANISH ACCESSION TO
EC, HACH SPOKE OF ENORMOUS PROBLEMS WHICH SIZE OF
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SPANISH ECONOMY, WITH ITS LARGE PRODUCTION OF WINE AND FRUIT, POSES FOR ITALY AND FRANCE. HE MENTIONED RECENT PLEDGE BY PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC, SPEAKING AT RALLY IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, THAT PARIS WILL OPPOSE SPANISH ENTRY INTO EC. HACH SAID THAT, TO LESSER DEGREE, GREECE AND PORTUGAL POSE SIMILAR PROBLEMS FOR EC. EACH RAISES QUESTION OF COMPENSATION FOR SOME EC-9 STATES, AND CASTS SHADOW OVER HOMOGENEITY OF EC ITSELF.

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6. HACH OPINED THAT EC TALKS WITH IBERIAN STATES WILL PROBABLY GO IN TANDEM. HE CITED STRONG FRG "IMPRESSION" THAT LISBON IS DETERMINED TO MAKE ITS FORMAL APPLICATION BEFORE MADRID DOES. LAST WEEKEND, OREJA HAD MADE PLAIN GOS INTENT TO APPLY SHORTLY AFTER 1977 EIECTIONS. HACH OPINED THAT, ALTHOUGH GENSCHER HAD CAREFULLY AVOIDED GIVING OREJA COMMITMENT OF FRG SUPPORT, OVERRIDING FRG CONCERN TO SHORE UP DEMOCRATIC STATES ON EC PERIPHERY WILL LEAD BONN TO SUPPORT GOS APPLICATION.

7. PRESS REPORTED THAT OREJA ALSO RAISED WITH GENSCHER BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES SUCH AS GOS DESIRE TO ATTRACT MORE WEST GERMAN INVESTMENT. HACH SAID, HOWEVER, THAT MINISTERS HAD DEFERRED THESE ISSUES TO LOWER/LEVEL MEETING NEXT MONTH.
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